

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAKE OF BAYS

BY-LAW 2020-066(A)

BEING A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW 2018-015, A BY-LAW TO GOVERN THE CALLING, PLACE AND PROCEEDINGS OF MEETINGS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LAKE OF BAYS TO PERMIT ELECTRONIC MEETINGS.

WHEREAS the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, section 238 provides that a municipality shall establish a Procedural by-law to govern meetings;

AND WHEREAS The Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays enacted Procedural By-law 2018-015, as amended, on March 20th, 2018;

AND WHEREAS on July 24, 2020 the COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020 (Bill 197) received royal assent on July 21, 2020 making changes to the *Municipal Act* to allow members of councils, committees and certain local boards who participate in open and closed meetings electronically to be counted for purposes of quorum beyond declared emergencies;

AND WHEREAS The Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays considers it desirable to be able to hold Council meetings electronically;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays ENACTS AS FOLLOWS that Procedural By-law 2018-015, be amended by inserting the following:

ELECTRONIC MEETINGS DURING A DECLARED EMERGENCY

1. **Interpretation** – The following definitions shall be in addition to the definitions section of the Procedural By-law:

“**Electronic Meeting**” means a meeting called and held in full or in part via electronic means (including, but not limited to, audio teleconference, video teleconference, or via means of the internet), and with or without in person attendance;
2. **Electronic Meetings** A regular meeting or special meeting of Council or Committee may be conducted, in whole or part, by Electronic Meeting may be conducted in accordance with section 238 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* in accordance with this section and the Procedures for the Conduct of Electronic Meetings, as developed and amended as necessary, by the Clerk.
3. **Quorum and Voting for Electronic Meeting** – Members participating in an Electronic Meeting, either in person or by electronic means, shall be counted for purposes of quorum at the commencement and at any point in time during the meeting, and shall be entitled to vote through a vote recorded by the Clerk as if they were attending the meeting in person.
4. **Closed Session** – An Electronic Meeting may include a Closed Session, which shall be conducted in the absence of the public and in accordance with this Section.
5. **Public Notice of Electronic Meeting** – A public notice of an Electronic Meeting shall include sufficient information as to provide the public with a means to electronically access the open session of such Electronic Meeting.
6. **Delegations** – Shall be permitted at the discretion of the CAO/Clerk and must be specific to municipal business.
7. **Invited and Ceremonial Presentations** – Persons may participate in an Electronic Meeting at the request of and in a manner determined by the Mayor or CAO.

8. **Application and Conflict** – Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Procedural By-law shall continue to apply to an Electronic Meeting held pursuant to this Section. Where there is a conflict between this section and another section of this By-law, this and any Provincial legislation or order shall prevail.

READ a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time and finally passed this 28th day of July, 2020.



Mayor – Terry Glover



Clerk – Carrie Sykes

